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Haliburton's Nick Emsley (centre) wins first place in the Plastiglas O Cup mountain bike race at Sir Sam's on June 8. See story on page 22.

Fearrey says Dysart on the right track

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

New businesses have been popping up in Haliburton as of late, but that doesn't necessarily mean the town has a sustainable and thriving economy.

It's a complex issue that is made up of several layers. The key players include local business owners, employees, consumers and politicians. Their actions, or lack thereof, have a direct effect on the community's overall well-being.

Dysart et al eeeevee Murray Fearrey admits that today's economy might not be as strong as it could be. But in comparison to other rural towns such as Bancroft, he firmly

believes Haliburton is holding its own.

"When I check on communities around me and I talk to people who are coming in from rural Ontario, I think it's pretty consistent that we're as good as – or if not a little better – than some of the other ones. I'm not totally negative about it. We're getting some new businesses."

Several local business owners, such as Anthony vanLieshout, praise the municipality for beautifying the town through the streetscape project. The project, which began in September of 2010, has included improvements to York Street and Highland Street.

"It will bring more people into town, and it will make them stay longer because they're

enjoying it more," said vanLieshout, who is the broker of Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton.

VanLieshout believes the town is more aesthetically pleasing as a result of the project.

"I think they've [the changes] all been very positive," he said, adding that many business owner have "spent a lot of money" to ensure their storefronts fit with the new look.

"I think whatever improvements we make to the village of Haliburton, I think they'll have a ripple effect throughout the whole county."

Wayne Hooks, owner of Ethel Curry Gallery, also feels the project is a good thing for the town.

"There have been definite physical and visual improvements to the 'look' of the village and our customers remark positively about these changes," said Hooks.

Fearrey agrees that the project has been one of the municipality's most significant accomplishments over the past five years. Another achievement, he said, is that the municipality has managed to hold the line on commercial property taxes.

"You want to try to help people all you can, because in the end it's about whether or not you can make money," he said. "It's a tough climate out there."

Although the project is designed to attract people into the downtown core – and keep

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Tourism director starts June 25

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's going to be her job to manage the brand and create the demand.

On June 7, the County of Haliburton announced that local resident Amanda Ranson had been hired as the county's tourism director.

"She brings a tremendous amount of marketing knowledge [to the position]," said County Warden Carol Moffatt, who described Ranson as smart, experienced and professional.

"I think she'll take the job seriously and she'll do a good job."

According to the county's press release, Ranson possesses extensive brand management and consumer expertise from her work at Rogers Communications, The Toronto Star, The Globe and Mail and most recently Cohn & Wolfe as the vice president of brand management.

County council made a decision in January to begin the search for a tourism director. In the spring of 2012, Bob Smith, former director of economic development, tourism, and marketing, retired from the position at the helm of the department.

The county received a total of 74 applications for the job; four people were interviewed.

"Two of the four [applicants] that were interviewed were local," said Moffatt.

The position, which was also posted on LinkedIn, saw applications come in from as far away as South Africa, Ecuador and various cities in Ontario.

Moffatt said she is confident in Ranson's abilities, however she will need the support of others to truly bring about change.

"People [in the community] have this great knowledge to work with the new tourism director to get the message out that this is the place to be," she said, while listing some of the local tourism providers who understand their markets.

Even Moffatt admits that not much has changed since she was the tourism and marketing coordinator in 2000.

"This county has done the same things over and over, with some change, but not a lot. This county has approached traditional markets in a traditional way."

Within five years, Moffatt hopes that the county - with Ranson's help - will be able to discover its identity and establish a "collective vision of what we want to be."

"I would like there to be a solid destination, development and marketing plan that all partners are working on together, and I would like to see some significant numbers in terms of things that we can measure."

If tourism providers and other business people are able to work together as a team, then Moffatt believes the sky's the limit.

Ranson will be starting her new job with the county on June 25.

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What Peterborough can teach us about flood recovery

By Adam Kingsmith
Contributing writer

With thousands displaced and a state of emergency that lasted for more than two weeks, Peterborough's "flood of two centuries" represents an opportunity for our local officials in the Highlands to garner insights regarding flood management that may help us to better navigate the reconstruction process ahead.

Early on the morning of July 15, 2004, Peterborough was swamped by over 240 mm of rainfall – or 14 billion litres – in a mere five hours. According to Environment Canada, it was one of the wettest days in Canada east of the Rocky Mountains – the wettest day ever in Ontario's recorded history. When the clean up and compensation were finished, the flood ended up costing over \$100 million.

In a report finalizing the restoration process, Peterborough Flood Reduction program manager Dan Ward stressed that his key flood management experiences included realizations that, "communication can always be better," "electronic data makes everything easier," and it is important to "keep great records from the start."

Ward added that it is very important "to keep the media up-to-date" so that they can help the public to stay informed, and to remember the golden rule of disaster management, "your Emergency Preparedness Plan is not as good as you think."

Nancy Wright-Laking – chief administration officer for Minden Hills and former city clerk for Peterborough during the time of the flooding – supplemented Ward's insights by noting "the most important things during a time like this are to get money flowing to people as soon as possible, and to solidify the channels of communication."

For Wright-Laking, the best way to accomplish these things is to get the Disaster Relief Committee (DRC) and the external program manager "up and running right away" to ensure there is a centralized body fielding all questions, thus preventing

people from being put in a position where they may be forced to make assumptions.

Wright-Laking also stated that to her knowledge, Minden Hills should be getting their final fundraising guidelines from the province this week, and that the interview process directed at hiring the program manager is "well underway."

Building upon both Ward and Wright-Laking's recommendations, Trent Gervais, Peterborough airport manager and former deputy fire chief and head of emergency management during the 2004 floods, stated "especially in places with multiple smaller communities such as the Highlands, it is important to partner up with one another – cross-training workers and collaborating resources."

What's more, both Gervais and Wright-Laking emphasized the importance of defining a concrete fundraising target, getting a comprehensive policy in place for damage assessment, and above all else, properly debriefing after the fact by taking stock of lessons learned and ensuring that processes are put in place so that if and when there is a next time, both local governments and the community will be ready.

Gervais concluded by warning victims, responders, organizers, and other community members "not to become overly complacent," and to be sure to focus as much attention on the initial response to the flooding as the slow recovery process that follows – "every day of initial response is equal to at least a month of recovery."

Wright-Laking also reminded concerned community members that while anxiety will undoubtedly increase as time goes by, "the entire process is provincially regulated, in essence, the province makes the rules, and thus the process' timeline is at the mercy of the government."

"It took four years for us to complete the ODRAP process in Peterborough," and while there were more claims to be analyzed in 2004, Wright-Laking was at pains to emphasize that we in the Highlands are embarking on at least a "year-long process."

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Editorial opinion

A few words about Dad

I'm lucky to have the greatest dad in the world.

Of course, most sons would say that about their dads, but mine is truly special.

My dad is a man who never asked for anything. My happiness, and that of my two older sisters, was always his priority. He taught us to be happy and satisfied with the little things in life – a good game of baseball or a walk through the bush, time spent with family – and how to live within our means.

I learned to respect my elders and to learn from their wisdom, to treat others how I would be treated, and patience, although that one took time to take hold.

I was a child of many whims, and Dad indulged them all. I remember one evening he sat patiently while I played him a horrid beat on my makeshift drum kit that I had constructed out of buckets, a plunger and Mom's sewing needles. But I was happy, so he was happy.

As I grew up, Dad shared his passions with me. For us, it was sports. He was a baseball player, and so I spent my nights with him on the bench as he coached, and later, he coached as I played. At the time I thought it was normal, but now I realize the stress it must have placed on my family to drive me across the province to play in tournament after tournament – a stress I'm sure many hockey parents in the Highlands are very familiar with.

But Dad did it. He found the money, he made it work.

There were times I didn't understand him. We moved when I was 12, and

again at 16, both times taking me hours from my friends and the things I came to know. Each time there was resentment, sometimes anger. I understand now he did what was best for us as a family, for us kids, to protect us from things we didn't understand. Things like poverty, crime, illness, family breakdowns, and stress.

And then, as if it was nothing to me, I left him. I decided I wanted to study journalism back in northern Ontario, although we both knew I could have done it an hour from home at a more prestigious school. But I wanted an adventure, and so I left.

To Dad's credit, he never tried to stop me. He told me he always knew I would leave. While he prepared himself for it, and did his best to hide it, there was hurt hiding behind his eyes.

He gave up everything for me and my happiness, knowing that the day would come that I would leave him anyway.

To this day, he has never asked anything in return – nothing more than a phone call or a visit, when I can spare the time. That's the man that my father is, and one day, the man I hope to be.

This weekend is Father's Day, and I'm sure many of you are like my dad, wondering why I haven't called or visited more. We can't change the past, but we can always be better at saying thank you to the men who gave us everything and asked for nothing. Men like my dad.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Five's a crowd

I've been trying for some time to get my youngest nephew to give up the crib he uses when he visits. The bunk bed awaits, yet he's quite comfortable among the wooden slats and persists in having the thing crowd out my treadmill, a device I rarely use but nevertheless like to keep in view should I ever have another urge to get fit.

Politicians have similar attachments to things well past their usefulness, like the four-plus-one local governments running our little burgs and hamlets. The arrangement may have made some sense back in 2001 when full amalgamation looked daunting. Today however, having a single-tier, as it's called, is rapidly becoming a no-brainer.

Amalgamation is often a bad idea. When a town has built and operated itself according to its community values, making that town one half or one quarter of a larger whole means having to compromise. Citizens have less say and can feel disenfranchised.

Here, however, an argument can be made that Haliburton County, for historical and cultural reasons, is a natural political unit. Whether you're in Dorset or Cardiff or Minden, there is a general consensus on what we consider to be important; many of us have made conscious decisions to avoid the materialism, selfishness, work obsession and one-upmanship that define cities in exchange for a quieter, more meaningful existence where family, community and our natural surroundings come first.

What isn't natural is the current political map. Though the county has had many well-established towns for a century and a half, the boundaries of our four municipalities are artificial. They follow neither geography nor culture and serve merely to divide the community — and a small one at that. On top of the lower tier sits a fifth government, that of the county itself.

So we have five roads departments, five CAOs, five treasurers and five clerks. We have five building departments and now, as I've pointed out before, five economic development strategies. For 17,000 people. It's like having five steering wheels on a truck. That truck's not going anywhere anytime soon.

Demographics make this a particularly good time to finish what was started in 2001. Over the next 10 years, up to 50 per cent of municipal employees will become eligible for retirement. Not only will it be difficult to fill those positions with qualified candidates, but decades of knowledge and experience will literally walk out the door. Replacing all of them would bring wrenching change in how our municipalities are run; many new employees would have to be brought in from elsewhere.

If we're going to have wrenching change,

we might as well put it to good use: if we amalgamate the county now, we can do so without firing a single municipal employee. How? By structuring an amalgamated municipality not just for administration, but for growth.

Our local governments are good at administration. Tax bills go out on time, permits are issued and council meetings happen like clockwork. But as I've argued in this column these past few weeks, they are not set up to facilitate economic growth. There's only so long the Chamber of Commerce, BIA, HCDC, the municipalities and the county can all look at each other waiting for one of them to take the lead; the proper locus of leadership for economic development is with the county.

That means organizations structured for development, having the people necessary to implement the four growth strategies being talked about: new residents, attracting business, tourism and government investment. Each of those strategies needs a team with the authority and resources to implement it.

For example, to maximize our share of provincial and federal grants, ideally we'd have a single office writing them on behalf of businesses and groups in the county; they'd become experts and would have a high-level view of available grants and worthy activities. To attract new residents and business, there are a number of strategies and tactics we might employ, again an enterprise that requires the kind of leadership, authority and resources only a county-level mandate can provide. And of course tourism, a growth plank with which the county is already seized, is best centralized if we're to have a coherent message.

By amalgamating now and re-orienting redundant municipal roles to growth activities, we can enact our growth strategies without additional spending or layoffs. If we believe that the character and values of where we live in the county would be preserved through amalgamation, then there's nothing to lose and very much in efficiency and effectiveness to gain.

Don't expect our politicians to campaign for amalgamation in the next municipal election; nobody wants to eliminate his or her own job. If we as a community want to run an efficient county with coherent strategies for growth and administration, we'll have to demand it from our existing and future political leaders. Even then, it's up to the province.

We'll never know unless we try.



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Letters to the editor

Main street needs a good mix

Dear editor,

B.J. Lennox missed the point (see 'Don't knock dollar stores', The Highlander issue 86, pg. 5). I find dollar stores very useful for many items. They definitely have a place in our society and they are a great source of funds for some charities. I do not consider myself part of the elite, whoever that is. However, if Haliburton is interested in attracting visitors who enjoy a walk about through interesting shops, craft studios, farmers markets and a kaleidoscope of festivals that all are within walking distance of each other, then guidelines should be established as to the kind of retail-commerce that would be suitable for main street.

A recent Highlander's editorial started this discussion. It referred to a Florida

town which did regulate the mix of retail activities on their main street, and I happen to agree with this approach. What we need on Main Street is a good mix of retail activity. And mix is the operative word. A good mix could accommodate one dollar store, one food store and a whole bunch of neat shops, cafes and restaurants.

The letter just below the Lennox letter (see 'Let artists use empty shops for free', The Highlander issue 86, pg. 5) promotes the idea to let artists and artisans use vacant shops on a temporary basis without charging rent. What a great way to add variety to Main Street. I noticed today that the old Henwood store is vacant again, so what are we waiting for?

Armin Weber
Eagle Lake

Photo of the week



Photo by Walt Griffin

This turtle has a serious fear of cameras.

Tourist establishments suffer when landlords are not local

Dear editor,

Bram was pretty hard on those in the Highlands who are trying to make tourism their livelihood and a major economic part of the Highlands (see 'Get serious', The Highlander issue 86, pg. 4). In my opinion, he was insulting.

Bram took aim at the former grand old lady of the county, the Wigamog Inn. He obviously was not around when it was run in grand style, hosting many banquets, weddings and events. Sir Edmund Hillary and his wife Lady June stayed there when they came for an event at Archie Stouffer School arranged by my late husband, Ross Rigney, a director of the Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation. They stayed in the penthouse suite in the tower. It was a beautiful spot with a spectacular view of the lake, large living room, kitchen facilities, and two bedrooms on

each side of the living area. It was as grand as any city or Florida accommodation.

The two Rotary Clubs, Minden and Haliburton, sponsored a delicious dinner there for our guests prepared by a true chef! The HHHSF had many a dinner/dance or cocktail party there. Yes, there were linen cloths and napkins, and no frayed towels. Unfortunately the inn was bought by a large group who were buying up properties and they did not put the money into Wigamog when it was needed. They were absentee landlords. This is a major problem when landlords are not local and the properties suffer as a result. It is not the locals' fault.

Across the lake, however, is a smaller inn whose owners live on the premises. It has a real chef, or two, and serves delicious meals attractively presented. The staff is friendly and well-trained. Obviously, Bram has never visited the Bonnie View Inn. There are many

restaurants with real chefs, like Rhubarbs, Sir Sam's Inn, Oakview Lodge, and Summerkiss just to name a few. I've never been disappointed so I don't know what he is looking for in a dining experience.

I do agree with Bram that stores need to have the same set hours so we know when businesses are open when we go to town. However, I have found the staff in these stores very friendly when one is friendly to them. Perhaps he has a negative attitude or looks down on these sales people when he shops. I have no issues with any of them and soon they get to know you and it becomes a welcoming experience.

When travelling in the country or forest area I want rustic, not a city hotel. I don't need air conditioning, television, or computers, just cleanliness, good wholesome food, and friendly folks. When travelling by bus through the Yukon into Alaska our tour

director told us that a four-star rating here may not compare with a four-star rating in the big cities, but the place was family-owned and most unique. We loved it!

Bram needs to get off his high city horse, spend less time in Florida, and take a trip through the Haliburton Highlands meeting the very friendly folk who are trying to make the Highlands a tourist attraction with the limited funds they have available. When they are owned by absentee landlords who are not putting their effort into the properties they bought, problems can occur. As for Trip Advisor you will always get negative view points. They are usually the only ones who comment on the site, unfortunately. Some people should just not travel!

Lois Rigney
Minden Hills

— Of old dog and otter slides

Do you ever stop to think about the amazing wealth of cultural and historic information stored not in the municipal or county records, not in the Haliburton museum vaults nor the archives of Minden's cultural centre, but in the brains of local people?

The memories of years gone by, of grand events and gradual changes that have sculpted the place in which we live today, all are locked in the personal vaults of people you pass by on the street each and every day. But it is rare that we think about them and rarer still that these priceless seams of history are mined for their riches, that is unless you happen to be gathered in a room with a collection of these true local folks after they've had a rum or two.

And so we come to the annual spring fish with the barber and his chums, an event I look forward to as much for the story telling and tom foolery as the fishing. As I recollect the weekend I am struck not by the amount of fish we caught (we did well this year), nor the ferocity of the mosquitoes in camp, but the wonderful stories that were told, some uproariously funny, some sombre but all dripping in local history and sentiment

for Haliburton County.

As the evening came upon us and the tales of day's catches (and ones that got away) dried to a trickle, and, as the rum was passed around the camp, stories that I have come to love started to surface. Some I had heard before: like the games of log running that young boys, now older and wiser men, used to play when Head Lake still had a timber mill on it. One false step and you slipped between colossal logs into frigid water and injury or death. Or, of felling timber with huge double handed chainsaws and skidding logs out of the bush with horses; the back breaking work and high risks that men such as me would consider suicidal passed off as the everyday norm.

There was reminiscence, too, about the barber's father's hunting camp on the west shore of Kennisis Lake; now long gone, replaced by a gargantuan cottage. Of his dad guiding visitors from the city to fish for monster trout in the lake's dark waters. Of cold hunts, warm fires, faithful dogs and trophy deer in that camp that is now but a memory. The stories were great but the realization that my hair cutting friend

and his family ventured to this camp before there were any of the roads that make getting to the area so easy today, before we had four wheelers and SUVs, cell phones and GPS, gilded these tales with magic and put me in awe of the men I sat drinking with.

The reverence was tempered by hilarity: the tale of Antoine staggering drunkenly off a camp step and falling headlong into a barrel of water, only for it to pitch forward and send him hurtling still inside at great speed down a snow covered bank. "I fairly flew down, just like an otter," he laughed. Yes, Antoine was still in camp and still acts the clown. "And when he came back in his sweater stretched right past his knees," added Hawk, his eyes streaming from laughing so hard.

Then, as the evening wore on, the room became quieter as my fishing buddies remembered friends and family now passed away. The mood was not sombre but reflective and warm with good memories of crack shot grandpas, of strict uncles with hands the size of baseball mitts, and even of favourite dogs: "Oh what a voice she had,

The Outsider



By Will Jones

her howl would make the hairs on your neck curl."

These rugged men – construction workers, mechanics, boiler makers, truck drivers, and the barber – they hold their home so dear to their hearts that they have never left it. They cherish their time in Haliburton County in a way that an outsider like myself can never really hope to appreciate. They love where they live and where their fathers and grandfathers lived and they will go on telling stories, some wondrous, some ridiculous and others wracked with heartache for so long as they draw breath.

So, next time you pass by a grouchy looking fellow on the street or peek into the barber's shop just think of the stories held within; just imagine the unwritten history and heritage of this wonderful place in which we live just waiting to be told.

All that's required is a spare hour or two and a cheap bottle of rum!

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *How are you planning to celebrate Father's Day?*



Don Stephenson

Haliburton

I'm having my parents up from Barrie for the day. We will have an enjoyable BBQ at the house because they are in a seniors condo and they cannot have a BBQ at the condo.

Bob Chezzie

Minden

Waiting for a phone call from my daughter out west in Edmonton, relaxing, and having a leisurely delicious BBQ at home.



Graham Lute

12-Mile Lake

I am really lucky as I am being taken out by my son and family and we are going to my favourite Italian restaurant in Toronto.

Jerry Dewey

Gooderham

Likely at home. My daughter will do a special meal for me. Most of the day will be spent just relaxing and enjoying the special day.



Russ Dovell

Gooderham

My kids are coming up and my one-and-a-half year old grandson is already here with us. We are going to have a marvelous BBQ come rain or shine.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

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Celebrating 50 years!

Find a bargain at Treasures & Trash

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The countdown is on for Haliburton's largest yard sale and all the action is going to be happening right in the heart of Haliburton Village.

On June 15, the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre will once again host its popular annual Treasures N Trash event in Head Lake Park. At the community sale visitors will discover antiques, collectables, vintage items, jewellery, homemade preserves and more.

"It's grown [over the years]," said Laurie Jones, executive director of the gallery. "We've made the focal point the gallery, especially since we have the new patio now."

Before Jones joined the gallery seven years ago, she said the event was organized by the municipality and held along the boardwalk.

"They gave it to us as an opportunity to fundraise for the gallery," said Jones. "We saw that as a good opportunity to increase our civic footprint."

The one-day event is a fundraiser for the gallery; however, there are several expenses associated with running it such

as insurance and advertising.

"Sometimes people are under the assumption that all the booth fee money just comes straight to the gallery."

This year's event will feature 50 vendors, many of whom are from outside of Haliburton County.

"I just had a guy call who's been sitting on the fence a bit about it," explained Jones. "He's from Bobcaygeon and he said, 'You know, everybody's been talking about this thing down in Bobcaygeon. So I think I better get a table.'"

Other vendors are expected to come from towns such as Bracebridge, Baysville, Gravenhurst and Bancroft.

"That means it's a good venue. Stuff is changing hands."

It's inevitable that the event will feature the kinds of trinkets one would expect to find at a yard sale. But that doesn't necessarily mean you won't come across a few hidden gems.

"The funniest thing I saw was someone finding this Darth Vader costume. All of a sudden, they were wearing the costume."

Jones recalled a time she sold a complete train set, still in its box with all

the original pieces.

When asked if she has a fundraising goal, Jones said she hopes to raise at least \$600.

"I'd be really happy because that would top last year," she chuckled.

Other attractions will include a butter tart contest, featuring a panel of three local celebrity judges.

"They judge the tarts, and we sell whatever tarts are left over and take that money for our kids programming."

Artech Studios will heat things up with a glassblowing demo and a short workshop.

"You can make a Scotch glass or a blown glass ball for \$40. You get the experience of blowing it and you get your creation."

To top it all off, Jones will be bringing in a giant cake to mark the gallery's 50th anniversary.

"All in all, it's a community party," she said, adding that visitors will be able to grab refreshments at the beer gardens.

"Come early and spend the day. You can just keep walking around and around."

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Highlander news

County Warden has a long wishlist

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands might be best known for its lakes and rivers, but County Warden Carol Moffatt believes the area has a lot more to offer than just its natural beauty.

Before Moffatt made her presentation at a special Chamber Breakfast on June 5 at the Stanhope firefighters' community hall, guests were shown a new video produced by Highlands Media Arts for the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) titled "Innovative Haliburton".

"It's a great video that illustrates the creative economy in Haliburton County," said Moffatt, who is also the Reeve of Algonquin Highlands.

The short video, which includes interviews with a few local business people, portrays the Highlands as a place offering the best of both worlds – a picturesque community with many offerings and available business opportunities.

"I wanted to show you that video just because it sets the stage for the county's business and the opportunity we have here," Moffatt said after the screening.

Moffatt became Warden last December when she was acclaimed to the position. There are many things she says she would like to accomplish, but just won't be able to get to during her one-year term.

A local resident for 22 years, Moffatt got involved in the community early on.

"I volunteered extensively in the community, in everything from literacy to arts, heritage, trails, economic development... I was sort of one of those people that moves here and jumps in."

Although the Highlands is often referred to as the poorest county in the province (a fact published in a report by Statistics Canada), Moffatt prefers to focus on the good rather than the bad. When speaking to others she often characterizes the county as the "island of misfit toys."

"It's actually a compliment, because the county is full of interesting, talented

and unique people," she said. "Our landscape is interesting. We have tons of opportunity; we have something incredibly valuable in all of that. We need to protect it while we exploit it."

Moffatt says she's a firm believer in working collectively to create a sense of place.

"If we create a sense of place, people will want to come here on holiday, with friends or for business reasons... they'll like it, they'll stay and they'll move their family and business here."

It's also important that the county maintain its identity, she said.

"I'm a big enemy of what we call the geography of nowhere. The geography of nowhere is when all towns look the same... The geography of nowhere strangles independent business and suffocates our creativity in the county."

Moffatt detailed some of the county's current projects in the works, the first being the county's housing study.

"Housing is complex. It's not really well-funded and it's kind of difficult to do, but everyone knows we need more housing."

Moffatt explained that seniors, low-income families and newcomers to the community all need more housing options. The study indicates that seniors represent 28 per cent of the total local population.

"The provincial average is 14.6 [per cent]," she said, adding that this figure is expected to grow to 47 per cent in the future. "We're becoming Elliot Lake – but the weather's better."

The challenge that presents, she said, is that it's difficult to encourage developers of seniors' housing and assisted living to come to the area.

"We need to convince them that there's a greater community to draw from."

The construction industry is "vital to the community's existence," she said.

Moffatt said it's common to hear complaints about the lack of skilled tradespeople in the area, as well as the poor quality of customer service some businesses provide. Last year, Highlands East councillor Cecil Ryall brought the municipalities together to host an event for tradespeople to educate them on

these issues.

From the time she came on as Warden, Moffatt said it was her intent to make some lasting changes in the area of tourism.

"I did the tourism and marketing for the county back in the dinosaur age. Sadly, not much has changed and that needed to happen."

In January, county council decided to look for a tourism director – a position that had been filled by Bob Smith until the spring of 2012. Moffatt said the county received 74 applications for the position.

"We have hired someone," she said. "This person will start in a couple of weeks."

On June 7, Moffatt announced – via her Facebook page – that Minden resident Amanda Ranson had been hired and would be starting on June 25.

"There's been a shift for the tourism department, and what the new tourism and marketing director will do is focus on demand creation. There are two sides to tourism: one is creating the demand and [the other is] fulfilling the demand."

Moffatt said the county is looking for "active participation from the stakeholders" with the work that the tourism director will be doing.

Some of her tourism-related highlights of the year included the Doors Open event, the launch of a new website experiencehaliburton.com, the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships and a motorcycle map.

As for what needs to change, Moffatt revisited her point about businesses providing better customer service.

"I don't know how we, as a group, get to the people who have crappy customer service. This county can't afford to have cashiers who talk over customers to complain about their shifts, grumpy business owners... it's just got to end."

In conclusion, Moffatt said she would like the county to focus on a few areas including strategy and social media.

"I will remain as attentive as I can to the issues, and engaged as I can in my remaining six months as Warden."



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FLOOD RECOVERY INFORMATION

Disaster Relief Committee

The Minden Hills Disaster Relief Committee operates within provincial guidelines and their purpose is to raise funds and settle claims for those within the disaster area who have been affected by the flood. Individuals who have questions about immediate emergency funding or special circumstances should contact the Recovery Coordinator at 705-286-1260 ext. 211. Please visit www.minden hills.ca for more recovery related information.

Fire Calendar Winners

Week of June 3

Linda Hicks and Pat Haseman

Week of June 10

Kelly Garbutt and Canadian Tire (Steve McLean)

Meetings and Events

June 13

9:00 am, Committee of the Whole meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

June 17

8:30am, Disaster Relief Committee meeting, Minden Hills Administration Building, 2nd floor boardroom

June 18

10:00am, Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee meeting, Cultural Centre, Common Room

June 25

4:30pm, Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting, Administration building, 2nd floor boardroom

7:00pm, Canada Day Partner's meeting, Community Centre, Room 3

June 27

9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

Public Water Tap Notice

Effective July 8, 2013, a coin operated water tap will be available for public use at the current water tap location of St Germaine and Pritchard Streets (beside the municipal parking lot). Water will be available from the tap at a rate of 0.25/4 litres.

Upcoming Community Fundraising

June 15

11 am Registration 1 pm shot gun
Minden Flood Relief Golf Tournament, Pinestone Resort, Haliburton, ON.

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EXHIBITIONS

Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Uncertain Horizons by Bertrand R. Pitt
May 14 – July 1

R.D. Lawrence Place

Listen to the Night: Bats of Ontario (From the Royal Ontario Museum)

Minden Hills Museum & Pioneer Village

Church & Religion in Early Minden

WORKSHOPS

Drawing Class: Beginner to Intermediate

Thursday, June 13
10:30am to 3pm in the Common Room
Instructed by Charles O'Neil
\$40/pp

Entering the Writer's Cave

Saturday, June 22 from 10am-1pm
In the Common Room
Instructed by Marci Mandel
\$10/pp

Call the Agnes Jamieson Gallery 705-286-3763 to register for workshops and information on supplies

COMING Soon - Cultural Fair

Sunday June 23 from 1pm-3pm

A Cultural Fair is a unique promotional opportunity that puts many different not-for-profit cultural groups / organizations, in Haliburton County, under one roof!

To plan your summer schedule this is a must attend event. Here you will be able to pick up programming schedules and talk with organizers to learn what groups offer. Cultural organizations that wish to participate please call the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 705-286-3763

The Township of Minden Hills is having their annual
CANADA DAY CELEBRATION!



Crazy River Raft Race

Calling all creative Highlanders; now is the time to get busy building crazy rafts and making costumes for Minden's Canada Day Crazy Craft race on Monday July 1st. Prizes will be given for the Most Enthusiastic Crew, Most Creative Costumes, Most Original Raft and first to finish. No entrance fee....young people under 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian....under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Race start is at the Rotary Park at 12:30 PM on July 1st. Registration is from 11 AM to 12:15 PM. All entrants must wear lifejackets.

PLEASE NOTE: due to the high water levels of the Gull River, this event may have to be cancelled for safety reasons. Check the townships website for any updates.

For more details contact Bill Chadwick at bill.chadwick@sympatico.ca or 905-853-0955.

Calling all you fishing enthusiasts out there!

Minden's Canada Day Celebration is just around the corner so we want all you kids who are 15 years and younger, to start practicing your fishing skills for the Kids Fishing Derby. This is a live weigh in contest so bring a bucket to hold your catch, a fishing rod and some bait and come and see how big a rock bass you can reel in. Registration is from 7:30-8:00 am at the Town dock (across the road from the Post Office) and continues until 11:00 am when the prizes will be awarded. First place is a bicycle donated by Dave Shaw! So get practicing.

We hope to see you there!

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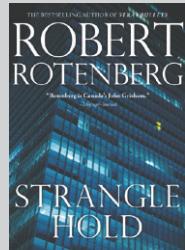
Building Permits are required when building a structure. A structure is anything with a floor, a wall or a roof. Some think that a permit is not required for a structure under 108 square feet. This may not be true because if you are attaching one building to another, the structure would then become more than 108 square feet in total. The completed structure is still required to meet zoning setbacks. The Ontario Building Code Act states that it is an offence to build without a permit. The Chief Building Official has the authority to have a structure demolished that has been built illegally (without a permit). Obtaining a building permit ensures your structure meets the minimum requirements of the Ontario Building Code and ensures it is safe for you. A general rule of thumb is to enquire before you build. Please contact the Building Department at 705-286-1260 for more information.

See pages 9, 10 & 12 for additional ads

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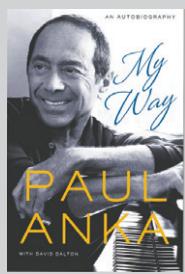
Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.



HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Stranglehold* by Robert Rotenberg
2. *Whiskey Beach* by Nora Roberts
3. *Taking Eve* by Iris Johansen
4. *The Little Shadows* by Marina Endicott
5. *Mount Pleasant* by Don Gillmor



HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *My Way: An Autobiography* by Paul Anka
2. *Eating Dirt* by Charlotte Gill
3. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
4. *Intolerable: A Memoir of Extremes* by Kamal Al-Solaylee
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton

Summer is rapidly approaching and this means the Haliburton County Public Library and 100.9 Canoe FM are gearing up for Haliburton County Reads – Summer Sessions. This special five-week program, which starts July 10 at 6 p.m., is our community's official battle of the books competition. If this year's line-up of local luminaries and their book selections are any indicator, it will be a "must-listen" event.

Linda Heeps will be defending *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce, Jenn Watt will be defending *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson, Victoria Bingham will be defending *The Book of Spies* by Gayle Lynds, Kerry Riley will be defending *Incidents In The Life of Markus Paul* by David Adams Richards and our very own Amanda Wilk will be defending *Jellicoe Road* by Melina Marchetta. Stop by your branch of the Haliburton County Public Library and place your holds today.

Library News

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Municipal Act, 2001, as amended

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on the 19th day of July, 2013, at the Township Offices, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3:30 p.m. at the Township Offices.

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Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality (or board) and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

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One small step for culture

An intriguing idea reared its head at two different venues over the course of the last six months. At the October 2012 meeting between the Minden Hills Planning Board and the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands and again at a February 2013 meeting of the ACHH and its membership, a concept for a Cultural Fair was proposed and discussed.

The discussions obviously proved fruitful because the first Cultural Fair will be happening on June 23. It will be held from 1-3 p.m., in the common room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden.

The Cultural Fair, which is being co-sponsored by the Arts Council and the Cultural Centre, will provide a location for groups who offer cultural programming in the Highlands to put human faces to their organizations. The fair will also provide opportunities for them to display program information and schedules, and for the public to see what cultural events are planned for their communities.

"This is a great way for the public to understand what the various cultural groups are up to," said Laurie Carmount, curator of the Agnes Jamieson art gallery in Minden. "People can pick up brochures and purchase tickets to events and schedule their summer activities from the information they will get at the fair."

"Fairs like this can be successful in all

kinds of ways," Carmount added. "Look at the Home Show and what it does for the trades. People who attend the Cultural Fair may even end up volunteering for one of the organizations, so groups can benefit in that way too."

The Festival of the August Moon, Razzamataz Kids Shows, the Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour and the Rails End Gallery are among those groups who have been confirmed for the Cultural Fair.

Laurie Jones, the curator of the Rails End gallery in Haliburton village, was cautiously optimistic.

"We didn't want to be not at the table," she said. "We're a sister organization [to the Agnes Jamieson gallery] and I think it [the Cultural Fair] will work if all the elements are included."

"Hunting and fishing are as much a part of our culture here in the Highlands as are the decorative and performance arts," Jones stated. "We'd be doing a disservice if the Cultural Fair is just about the arts."

Hunting and fishing are as much a part of our culture here in the Highlands as are the decorative and performance arts.

Laurie Jones

starting small.

"The hope is that the fair will attract 20-30 organizations, and it would be nice if we had a healthy representation from the general public."

Regardless of the turnout this year the Cultural Fair would seem to be an idea whose time has come. Maybe in a more

Jones went on to say that "having the Cultural Fair at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre makes sense."

"It just makes so much sense to do this," echoed Carmount. "It's such a huge county and it's so hard for anyone to know every group and what they do, so this brings us all under one roof."

Although nothing is carved in stone Carmount expressed an interest in making the fair an annual event.

"It would depend on the lead organization," she said. "I think it should be moved around the county every year and it could be hosted by different organizations in different venues."

Carmount said that in this first year they were

perfect world, or at least in a more perfect county, it would be held under the auspices of a county cultural plan, but as yet we don't have such a thing.

"As far as culture in the county is concerned we're still taking baby steps," Laurie Brown opined.

That may be true, and perhaps for the time being cultural organizations in the county will have to suffice with these baby steps; but with a cultural landscape which can be likened to a furrowed field in need of sowing, the Cultural Fair offers potential for growth.

If it is to succeed the Cultural Fair will need focused organization, funding, municipal participation and plenty of promotion. And with determined management the seeds sown in past meetings might realize their potential by sending down roots and bearing fruit on the slow-growing vines of our cultural identity.

The Cultural Fair is free to exhibitors and the public. You can register your organization for the fair by calling the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at 705-286-2808.



By George Farrell

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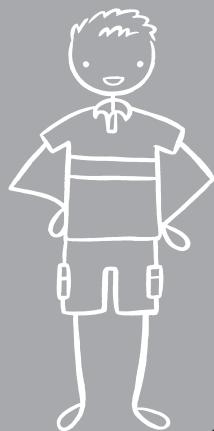
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Highlander business

'Business owners need to step up and do their part'

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them there longer – Fearrey says it's one of those things that can be difficult to quantify.

"I know one thing," he explained. "If I go into a town and I walk around and it's welcoming, it's pretty and the stores are friendly, I think it adds to the length of time they stay and the amount of times they come back."

As many people are aware, the entire county heavily relies on seasonal tourism. This can make it particularly challenging for business owners to succeed.

"For retail, there's a very heavy dependence on seasonal customers," said Hooks, who has owned his business on Maple Avenue for 18 years. "There are two summer months for turning any profit."

Over the past four years Hooks has noticed that shoppers are looking to spend less – a trend he attributes to the downturn in the economy.

Laurie Bonfield, owner of Country Pickins in Haliburton, says business at her store doesn't pick up until the kids get out of school at the end of June.

"Right now, it's mainly on weekends and long weekends [that we're busy]," said Bonfield, who will be celebrating her store's 30th anniversary this summer. "Our season hasn't really started yet."

When asked what the town is lacking, Bonfield said she would like to see more independent retailers.

"We seem to be getting a lot of eating establishments," she said. "Hopefully there's enough business in the off-season to carry them."

Hooks also thinks there are ways to improve the business environment in town.

"Although this is probably not the council's responsibility, new and prospective retail outlets should be encouraged to take at least a little time and thought before opening the fifth bargain shop or third drug store or

fourth high-end restaurant," he said. "There is an apparent proliferation of rose-coloured glasses out there. They should be made aware of the very real July and August window of opportunity for business."

Fearrey said the county is working to address the need to attract more people to the area through its tourism plan. The municipality, on the other hand, formed the Business and Housing Development (HBD) committee in 2011 to address the overall development of housing and business opportunities.

"We recognize we need to get out of the way of business, to let them function without a lot of rules whenever we can to help them. There are certain things we can do as a municipality, but again it's economies of scale. It's different because of the huge fluctuations in population."

Fearrey doesn't know what the trajectory of business has been over the past 40 years. He doesn't believe anyone would be able to properly answer that question.

"Most businesses wouldn't want to tell you their business. They'll just say, yes it's better or it's worse. I don't think Stats Canada has those numbers and I don't think anybody anywhere would know that."

One of the big questions, he said, has to do with housing.

"How are we going to house people if 10 per cent of the people with cottages decide to retire here in the next 10 years? There seems to be a trend in that direction, so they're [the HBD] working on those kinds of projects."

Andrea Roberts, Dysart councillor and HBD committee chairperson, said that since the community is rather small, the committee deals with both housing and business issues. The two topics often go "hand-in-hand."

"For instance, if there are 30 [condominium] units in town there are potentially 30 families living in those condominium units," said Roberts. "Some are only single, some are only two people, but those people are going to be living in the downtown core and shopping..."

When the county divested economic development from the lower tiers, Roberts said the municipality wanted to ensure they still addressed the concerns of others.

"We're really just a bit of a filter to make recommendations back up to council," she said. "We have a very limited budget, so we're not the type of committee that's actively going out to trade shows. We're not the first contact when a business is coming to town."

As Ward 1 councillor, Roberts also sits on the executive of the Haliburton Village Business Improvement Area (BIA). The BIA was formed in 1988 by council to bring business people and property owners together to "organize, finance and carry out physical improvements and promote economic development" in the district.

"I'm able to share information back and forth and that's a lot of what we do at the committee level."

The committee was able to obtain a grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) to produce a short video on Haliburton with the help of Highlands Media Arts.

"We'll be able to use that as a promotional

tool," said Roberts. "We're showing the types of housing that's here, and that there's something for everybody. That's the big thing that we've been working on with our committee."

Although the committee currently doesn't have any other projects on the go, it's considering some of the challenges facing businesses.

"One of the things we've tried to do is go through some of Dysart's zoning issues and planning issues to see if there are barriers to developing here – whether it be a condo development or a new business."

Roberts says she believes the municipality has the right commercial zoning in place, which stretches out to Peninsula Drive.

"Tim Hortons just had to do a regular zoning application, not an amendment to the zoning plan which is much more complicated and expensive."

Both Roberts and Fearrey say they haven't heard of new businesses experiencing problems with the municipality's bylaw or planning departments.

"I've never had a business owner come up to me and say, 'I can't start up a business in Haliburton because your bylaws are so restrictive,'" said Fearrey. "I don't think its rules that are holding the business back. That's one thing I've tried to advocate for: let's help to try to make it as easy as we can."

When it comes to finding bargains and variety, Fearrey realizes people often opt to shop out of town. The dilemma facing Haliburton's business owners is that they can't stock everything for everyone, he said. When people decide to shop elsewhere, it ultimately has a negative impact on the local economy.

"I know you can't buy everything in Haliburton and Minden... but on the other hand, if you want to have a sustainable economy and you want people to work, then we all need to make sure that we're in this together and we provide quality prices, good service and we shop locally whenever we can."

In his eyes, the municipality has a responsibility to make the town attractive and encourage the development of housing that will result in more permanent residents.

"The whole secret is, if there were another 1,000 people living in Dysart, there would be more business in Haliburton and more opportunity for business."

Business owners also need to step up and do their part, he said.

"Everybody looks at the municipality to do everything. It's got a role, but the role isn't to drive people to their stores."

In the 33 years that Fearrey has served as reeve, he says Haliburton has grown and changed.

"If you could've seen the main street 15 years ago, it's not the same main street now. So there has been positive growth."

As for the future, he's looking forward to developments such as the new Tim Hortons and an affordable seniors housing project on County Road 21.

"That's where the growth will happen [along County Road 21], but I think it will start to come back into the town."

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By-law No. 13-26 amends Schedule "15" of Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, as it pertains to those lands described above, by rezoning the lands from the Recreational Commercial (C3) Zone to the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone as described in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the By-law. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours. This By-law will be in conformance with the Official Plan of the Township of Minden Hills.

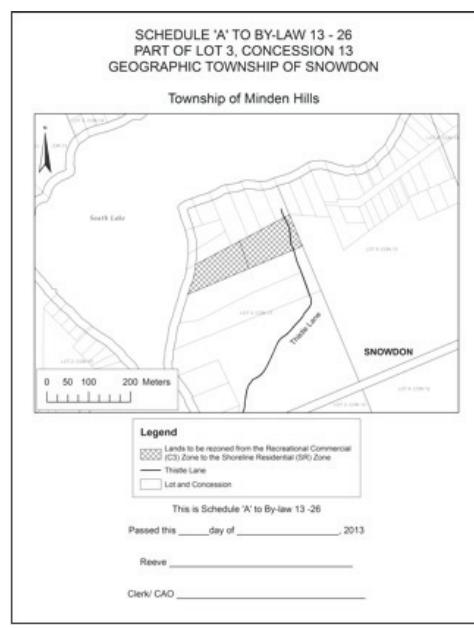
TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 3rd day of July, 2013, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act.

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No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

DATED at the Township of Minden this 13th day of June, 2013.

Adam King, M.R.M.
Planning Administrator



Highlander business

A new cottage tradition opens

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

When Craig Gordon and Colby Marcellus wanted to move their lives to Haliburton permanently, they asked the community what two businesses were in demand.

The answer? A great fish and chips joint, and a bakery.

"We decided on Baked and Battered," Gordon said. "Haliburton's a great town and we want to see it start to thrive, and these are things people really wanted to see here."

Ranking near the top was somewhere to get a good cup of coffee.

The unique restaurant opened its doors on June 5.

"The irony is I don't bake, and Craig, well, he now fries [fish] and I'm beginning to bake," Marcellus said. "We had a vision and we found the people who could help us execute it."

Two key members of the team are Deborah Molokach, the head baker, and Andrew McGill, the head chef.

"We wanted to have a place that has really great products, where you can get really great baked goods, really great fried fish, and really great coffee," Marcellus said.

The bakery uses organic ingredients wherever possible, and everything is made from scratch. In her interview, Molokach told the owners she refused to work for them if they expected her to use high-fructose corn syrup.

"Baked goods are baked goods, but there are ways we can improve the quality of it and make sure what we put out to the public is something we would eat ourselves," Marcellus said.

On the fish-fry side, Gordon said the food is all gluten-free. In fact, the only things on the menu that contain gluten are the onion rings and coconut shrimp.

Patrons can order halibut, pickerel or haddock, all fried in a batter created by McGill specifically for the restaurant.

"It's a nice, thin crispy batter with high-quality fish and high-quality oil," said Marcellus.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers
Colby Marcellus (left) and Craig Gordon full of smiles on their new adventure.

The oil is changed often, and gluten-free items are fried using a separate fryer from the onion rings or coconut shrimp.

Keeping with the cottage theme, the owners designed the restaurant to reflect their connection to Haliburton.

"It was cottaging that drew us up here, so we wanted the business to build on that theme for us so we always feel like we're at the cottage," Marcellus said.

When they bought the building, it was clear a lot of work needed to be done. On the fish side, there was a large box in the centre of the room that left the pair wondering what to do.

"That's when we came up with the idea to make it look like a cottage," he said. "Why don't we make it so that the front counter is a front porch you walk up to, and then the kitchen is actually the cottage itself? We carried that theme through to why don't we make the café into the inside of a cottage?"

The fish restaurant boasts 140-year-old timbers as design elements on the 'porch'. When you transition into the café, immediately you notice the dark colours and stone fireplace. Even the exterior ties into the design, with large

boulders cut to act as seating and a view of Head Lake.

"We could never have done it without the local trades," Gordon said. "The local trades went above and beyond to do what they could to help us out."

While they may not have started off knowing much about frying fish or baking, you'll now find Marcellus and Gordon frantically doing both in the kitchen, their passion for the business clear in their desire to please customers. They were hands-on during the renovations, and continue to be hands-on in the day-to-day operations of the restaurant.

Asking them, however, the credit goes to the staff.

"We're very proud of the people we have working for us," Marcellus said. "They're very hard workers, very creative, and have very high standards."

"The local people have been welcoming and supportive," Gordon added. "Everybody [is] behind us and wanting us to succeed."

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Granite View a solid draw

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

A little rain couldn't keep potential buyers away last week from Trophy Property Corp's open house.

On June 6, clients stopped by to review plans of the new Granite View condominium suites, enjoy a glass of wine and some hors d'oeuvres.

"The turnout was good," said Peter Brady, owner of Trophy Property Corp. "Three units were sold as a result of that afternoon. Some people came in that had already signed up for one unit and decided they wanted a bigger one."

Brady said the building is selling well, but there are still lots of options available.

"There's still a good selection left, but we're over halfway sold," he said. "We're into the ground as soon as we can be."

The condominium will be located on the corner of Mountain Street and Lake Avenue.

"It is a spectacular view," he said. "It's built on top of granite and it's a great view over Head Lake."



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Nancy Hutchinson (left) and Joan Irish review plans of one of the Granite View condominiums.

Brady said he plans to have more open houses so the public can see what they're doing, although he'd like the next one to

be on-site. This open house was intended to be on-site, but the weather wouldn't cooperate.

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The ComputerGuy How many nude pictures are online?

Here are a few interesting facts that I have accumulated in my years that I would like to share with you.

- One of the world's most popular shopping websites, eBay.com, does approximately \$680 per second in transactions.
- Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, was a college drop-out. Bill Gates' house was designed using a Macintosh computer.
- The e-mail is older than the World Wide Web.
- Of all the pictures available over the internet, 80 per cent of these pictures are of naked women. There are about five pornography pages for every 'normal' web-page.
- 'Crash Course' is another name for Microsoft Windows tutorials.
- It is believed that the first computer virus released in the world was a boot sector virus, which was created in 1986 by Farooq Alvi brothers. It was designed by them to protect their research work. There are approximately 6,000 new computer viruses released every month. Almost all computer users must know how destructive a virus can be. But then, it would be interesting to know that a virus cannot corrupt your PC on its own. It corrupts your system only when you activate it by either downloading infected files from the Internet or by sharing these infected files.
- The first Apple computer, which was built by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, was made by using scrounged spare parts from their employer. If you open up the case of the original Macintosh, you will find 47 signatures, which is of each member of Apple's Macintosh division of 1982. If you want to get a unique aquarium, then you must get the Macquarium which are aquariums made from old Macintosh computers.
- One of the world's leading computer and computer peripheral manufacturers, Hewlett Packard, was first started in a garage at Palo Alto in the year 1939.
- Doug Engelbart invented the first computer mouse in the year 1964. It was made of wood.
- The group of 12 engineers who designed IBM PC were called "The Dirty Dozen". The quintessential command 'Ctrl+Alt+Delete' was written by David Bradley, one of the dozen.
- A normal human being blinks 20 times in a minute, whereas a computer user blinks only seven times a minute.
- Sweden has the highest percentage of Internet users (75 per cent).
- I am sure most of us must have played the game Tetris. Since the time it was created in the early 80s, it has sold more than 40 million copies worldwide, which made its creator \$8 million.
- Computer circuitry can be destroyed by static electricity; it is so mild for humans that they don't even feel it.
- The NVidia GeForce 6800 Ultra chip video card has approximately 222 million transistors built in.
- Konrad Zuse has the credit of creating the world's first computer known as the Z1 in 1936. Three years later in the year 1939, was when the first fully functioning electro-mechanical computer, known as Z2 was developed. For questions or comments, e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy and safe computing!



By David Spaxman

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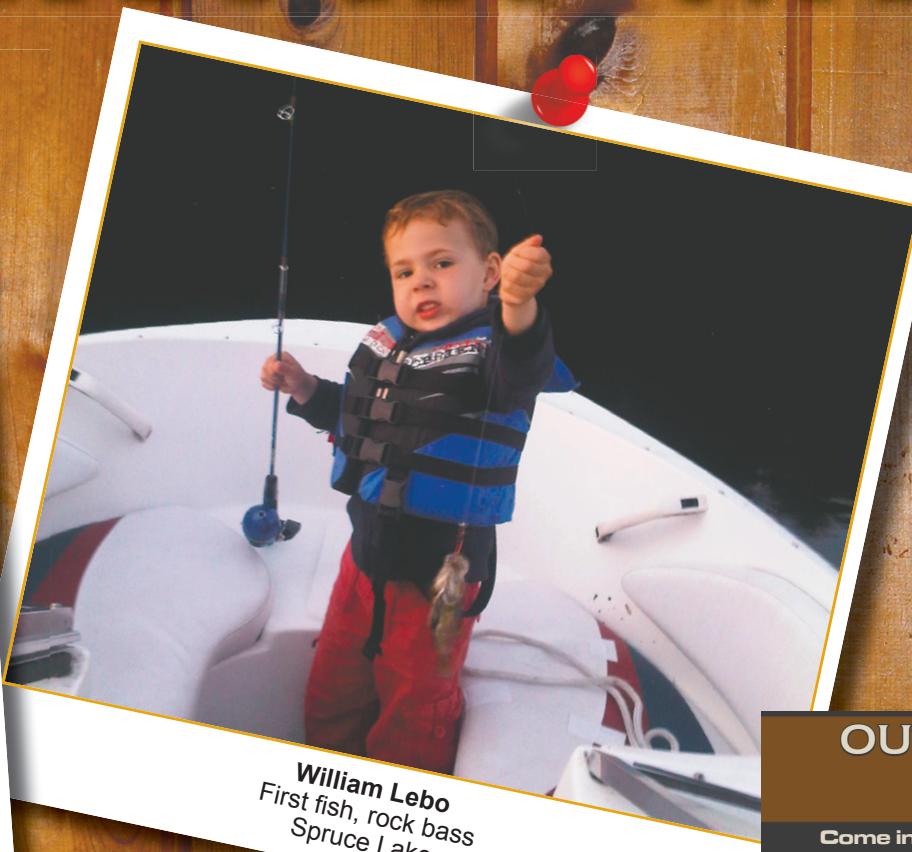


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Take a walk on the wild side with local forager

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Minden resident Carolyn Langdon has been practicing the art of foraging long before she moved to the area.

"I've been an avid forager for years," said Langdon, who lives with her husband Martin Scheller on Bat Lake. "When I lived in the city I would forage in the Don Valley park and the ravines in Toronto."

That might sound like an unappealing proposition for a rural dweller, but when you're as knowledgeable about foraging as Langdon is, it's not that hard to spot nature's edible offerings.

"There were all kinds of edibles – from elderberries to wild grapes," she said.

So when the former resident moved back to the Highlands four years ago, she thought about the possibility of foraging in her own backyard. In the spring of 2013, Langdon and Scheller embarked on a new endeavour known as the Wild Edibles Supper Club.

"We thought we forage and collect these nutritious things to eat, so why not extend that and teach people how to preserve some of the harvest and prepare tasty and nutritious meals from this bounty that's in our backyards," she said.

Langdon and Scheller partnered



Photo by Mark Arike

Carolyn Langdon teaches a group how to forage.

with local experience provider Your Outdoors to offer the public these events.

"The June 1 Wild Edibles Supper Club was our very first event and Barrie Martin [owner of Yours Outdoors] helped usher us through that. It was quite successful."

Foraging comes with many benefits, including finding foods high in nutritional value, said Langdon.

"Lots of people eat chickweed from their gardens, lamb's quarters and purslane – which are incredibly high nutrient-dense foods. In fact, some of these common garden weeds have a higher nutritional profile than the spinach and the brassicas that we're growing in our gardens."

Those who recognize these wild edibles can "fill a basket full of greens before our lettuce event sprouts," she added.

In order to ensure their property

becomes recognized as a place where good things grow, Langdon and Scheller renamed it to Windfall Food Forest.

On July 6 at Abbey Gardens, Langdon will introduce others to the world of foraging at the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's Nature at the Gardens event.

"I'm a volunteer at Abbey Gardens, so I know about the wild edibles and weeds that grow there," she explained. "I'll be harvesting some of those weeds and I'll prepare a number of dips. Then people can see what a creamy purslane dip might taste like."

She'll also harvest the leaves of wild raspberry and strawberry plants to make a wild leaf tea.

To learn more about Nature at the Gardens visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 705-457-3700.

Highlander food

Going with the grain

By Will Jones
Contributing writer

Does a homegrown tomato really taste better than one shipped from Egypt and purchased from the grocery store? Do eggs fresh from the farmyard hen actually have more vibrant yellow yolks than those from its caged cousins? Is slow-grown, grass-fed beef richer in flavour than its intensively farmed counterpart?

Ask any foodie (jeez, don't you hate that word?) and they will undoubtedly answer 'yes, yes and yes.' And, those same foodies are on the up.

Food is a hot topic, even salad, and where once local, organic, naturally-raised, free range food (give it any title that you fancy) was a folly of wealthy folks with tingling taste buds, we are now being told by everyone from the local health unit to federal government that it is the healthy option and that we should all eat it.

This is good news for the local food industry because it means that more people are looking to buy direct from the producer, straight from the farm gate, as opposed to making do with produce that has been shipped halfway around the world after being sprayed with some

life-enhancing chemical and packaged in plastic. Sounds great, but where can I grow my own tomatoes, rear a cow or coop my chickens? Not everyone has the acreage to be able to grow their own. Many people don't have the knowledge or inclination to go back to the land, and a whole host of us have trouble telling our parsnips and rutabagas apart or which end of the egg is up.

This is where your local food producers come in. While Haliburton County has long been derided as poor farming country amongst the rocks, bogs, forests and swamps, there are all manner of local food heroes: folks who are challenging convention and turning their little patch of Haliburton into the kind of fertile haven that champion gardeners and organic growers would salivate over.

These local producers are a wonderful bunch who extol the virtues of their freshest of produce at the drop of a hat, or less. They



are at pains to make people listen, not simply to up their often meagre profit margins, but because they are true believers that local food is best for you, for them and for the community as a whole.

However, here's the problem, or problems. First, you have to know where to find these purveyors of wonderful fare. The farm gate is a good place to start but you can do an awful lot of driving in Haliburton County before you find a gate at which food is being sold. Farmers' markets are a good bet but they are often at inconvenient times for the average nine-to-fiver, and the producers are spread so widely throughout the county that attending all of the markets would be a herculean task (more on the problems with farmers' markets at a later date), leaving no

time to actually grow the produce to sell there.

Then there's the issue of quantity. With meat producers especially, the trend is to buy from them in bulk – 15 chickens, a lamb and half a cow all in one go. Great, but

Food for Thought

what if you haven't got a freezer the size of a garage? What if you can't afford to spend more than your monthly mortgage payment on hamburger? What if you just want a nice roast for a special occasion? This is a difficult conundrum because the producers have to raise their livestock in manageable numbers, not too few to make it worthwhile, nor too many animals to handle; they have to slaughter at the optimum time and they want to recoup their investment as quickly as possible. The local producer cannot store, stock and restock as and when the customer wants, so they breed what they know they can sell, with no extra for the just-in-casers, and off load it quickly as soon as it's ready for market.

And so, these are just some of the challenges of the local food industry. The challenges that we need to come together to work out to enable us all access to more local food. Because you see, I am one of those folks who would answer 'yes, yes and yes'. I am someone who wants our local food industry to grow. I am a foodie but I'll be damned if I don't come up with a better word to describe me before we talk local food again.

Food for Kids seeks new volunteers for September

By Mark Arike
Staff Writer

As the coordinator of Food for Kids, Aaron Walker understands how important it is to deliver healthy breakfasts and snacks to students in Haliburton County.

The student nutrition program, which was established in 1999, currently provides approximately 4,000 snacks and meals to 1,700 students at all seven local schools each and every week.

"I would actually say that there's been a slight increase [in demand] within the last year," said Walker. "Is that due to socio-economic circumstances? I think largely [it is]."

Some students access the program more than once a day, he said.

"There are a lot of kids who aren't afraid to come in and come up to me when I'm prepping and say, 'Hey, I got off the bus late. Is there something I can have?' There were a couple of kids who came in, almost in tears, because they didn't get a breakfast or lunch and wanted to know if they could eat."

According to Walker, it costs \$75,000 per year to run the program. More than half of that – \$45,000 – is covered by grants from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. The Foods for Kids steering committee must fundraise the rest.

"Our funding has been good and I've gotten a few new grants this year," said Walker. "But we'll definitely be needing new volunteers come September."

A majority of the expenses are directly related to purchasing the food. Walker says about \$10,000 of the annual budget is earmarked for his salary, office costs and small honorariums.

In many ways, volunteers are the backbone of the program. They enter the schools weekly to prepare and distribute the meals to students.

"It's about preparing nutritious food and getting it to the kids in the morning. The standard time would be 8- 9 a.m., but some of it happens later in the morning."

The program currently has 55 volunteers, but will require more this coming September.

"There are some people who have been with us for a long, long time and I think they're calling it quits this year," said Walker, who estimated that between four and six volunteers will be leaving the program.

Those interested in volunteering behind the scenes are encouraged to join the Food for Kids steering committee.

"We're always looking for new people to join the steering committee to work in an advisory capacity."

To get involved with Food for Kids contact Walker by e-mail at awalkerfood4kids@gmail.com or call 705-455-2358.

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Wilberforce Legion celebrates 40 years

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

In 1973, the average cost of a home was \$32,500, gas was a steal at only 40 cents per gallon and an AMC Javelin pony car sold for \$2,900.

It was also the year that James W. Outram helped form the Wilberforce Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

"In 1973 we obtained our charter," said Jan Simon, public relations officer for branch 624.

On June 9, Simon and several other Legion members hosted an open house to celebrate the branch's 40th anniversary. The afternoon event included live entertainment, a collection of memorabilia, and a special anniversary cake.

"It's a very relaxed, calm and casual celebration," said branch president Mary Dunne.

According to literature at the open house, Outram first secured the interest of the late Jack Taylor before getting in touch with local men who had served in the Armed Forces. After obtaining enough signatures of support, the organization was officially recognized on April 14, 1973 by Reg. Cleater, field organizer of the Ontario Command.

Outram was voted in as the branch's first president.

On March 17, 1975, a decision was made to purchase property and a building that would

be used as a Legion hall. A Ladies Auxiliary was formed to help fundraise for the building, which was in need of repairs and renovations.

Formerly known as Wilberforce 624, the branch's name was changed to Douglas C. Hatch 624 in 1988.

"The members voted on that," said Hilary Klapow, a branch member who was responsible for gathering all of the historical information. "He was a member who made many donations [to the branch]."

Over the past decade, the branch has undergone many changes. Some of the most noticeable include renovations to the Legion hall.

"The Legion has been pretty well totally redone," said Klapow.

Improvements to the hall include a refurbished kitchen, wheelchair accessible washroom and several new amenities.

"It's all ongoing, but I would say that most of it has been done over the last four or five years," said Simon.

A lot of those improvements have been made possible through fundraising efforts and the help of the Ladies Auxiliary. The hall plays host to a variety of regular events, including cribbage, euchre, darts and Friday night jam sessions.

Although the Wilberforce Legion currently has 250 members, that doesn't mean it's immune to changing trends that are affecting branches across the country.

"The trend with the Legions is that there's

been a decline in membership," said Dunne, who added that there was a time when membership reached 300.

"We've lost some and we've gained some, but it's basically plateaued."

The decline, said Dunne, is due to the passing of members (many are aging veterans) and zero-tolerance policies established by the province.

"I think the decline came when things were switched to non-smoking in public places and then the zero-tolerance with drinking [and driving]. A lot of our branches are in the country, so there's travel."

Sunday's celebration not only gave members the chance to celebrate the past 40 years, but it also was aimed at raising awareness of the Legion's role in the community.

"We donate to local churches, hospitals... the schools, breakfast programs and youth sports," said Dunne.

As for the future, there are still several wishes that Dunne has for the hall. Some of them include fencing for the licensed patio and a larger shadow box for veterans' medals and badges.

Her biggest wish – although she admits it's a bit ambitious – is to have a bandshell built on the property.

"That's something that the community could also use... but that's a really big dream," she laughed.

According to the Royal Canadian Legion's

website, the Legion is the largest of the many veterans' organizations in Canada with over 330,000 members.

To learn more about memberships with the Wilberforce branch, call 705-448-2221.

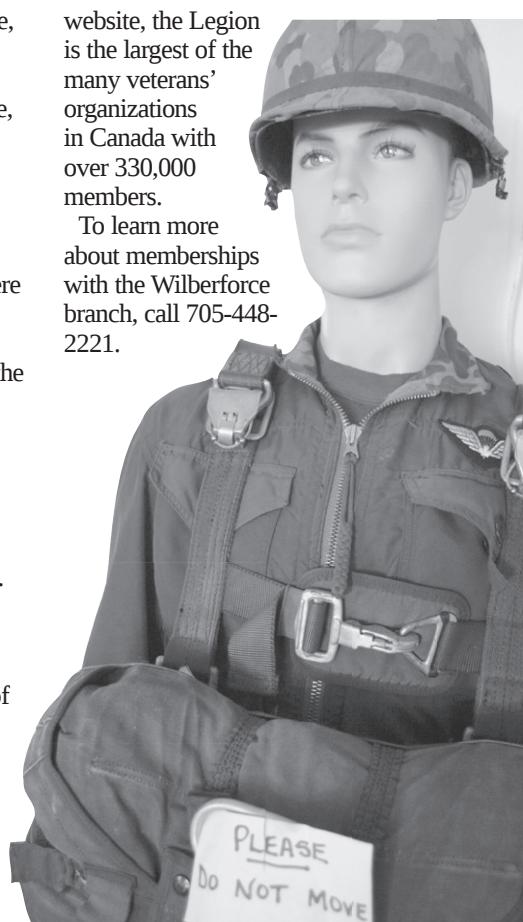


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A 1950s and 60s paratrooper greets guests in the Legion hall.

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Below is a list of all awards handed out to students and faculty:

Male Athlete of the Year

Darcy Schmidt

Female Athlete of the Year

Sandy Griffith

Cumulative Minor Athletic Award

Charlene Hicks, McKenzie Hill, Shay-Lynn Hutchings, Laura Pottier, Casey Pringle, Jessica Rider, Maia O'Sullivan, Zach Aylsworth, Louis Ferracuti, Jordan Howe, Rob Lewis, Riley Tait, Devon Upton

Cumulative Major Athletic Award

Jaimie Dack, Jessica Duchene, Darcy Schmidt, Bin Chun, Kieran Poropat

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Bin Chun

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Darcy Schmidt

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MVP – Track and Field

Charlene Hicks

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Louis Ferracuti

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Mike Dack

MVP – St. Football

Jonah Stonehouse

MVP – Golf

Sam Tallman

MVP – Golf

Rob Lewis

MVP – Sr. Soccer

Tanner Hamilton

MVP – Sr. Soccer

Laura Pottier

MVP – Sr. Soccer



Photos by Warren Riley

Above left: Darcy Schmidt receives the Male Athlete of the Year award. Above right: Sandy Griffith receives Female Athlete of the Year award.

Casey Pringle

MVP – Sr. Soccer

Mckenzie Hill

MIP – Rugby

Sydney Cameron

MIP – Rugby

Heather Hamilton

MIP – Rugby

Caitlyn Griffin

MIP – Rugby

Sydney David

MIP – Varsity Basketball

Tiffany Wilson

MIP – Varsity Basketball

Kayla Shore

Leadership – Wrestling

Casey Pringle

MIP – Varsity B Field Hockey

Keith Burley

Leadership – Wrestling

Jade McCartney

MIP – Varsity Field Hockey

Caitlyn Griffin

Leadership – Track and Field

Jenny Woolacott

MIP – Jr. Soccer

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Still time to volunteer for fundraiser

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Matt Duchene was lying in bed in April on Facebook, looking at pictures his friends were posting of the flooding in Minden.

"I remember seeing the devastation," he said. "[Some of my] best buddies live in Minden."

The young NHL star, who plays for the Colorado Avalanche, was just wrapping up his season and preparing to head to Sweden for the IIHF World Hockey Championships.

Back home in Haliburton, his dad, Vince Duchene, was busy working with Walt McKechnie and other organizers preparing a golf tournament to benefit the flood victims.

"Dad presented the idea, [and] it sounded great," Duchene said.

Both he and Cody Hodgson, another local hockey star, agreed to participate in the golf tournament and help wherever possible.

While at the World Championships, Duchene collected sticks and jerseys from teammates to auction off at the tournament.

"For me, I knew the community was ailing," he said. "I'm so proud to be from here and have so many friends that were affected, it made me really want to get involved."

As the day of the tournament quickly approaches, Duchene is excited to see everyone come together.



Photo by Ashley Campbell

A lineup of autographed jerseys ready for auction this Saturday.

"I'm just looking forward to it," he said. "Golf tournaments are always fun. [I'm] looking forward to the atmosphere of people coming together."

Duchene said he's got some friends and people he's met that are coming to participate in the tournament. He's looking forward to seeing some of his friends and people from earlier in his career, including his junior

hockey coach.

"Just seeing the support for this community is going to be the best part about it. Everybody wants to give."

Duchene and Hodgson will start their day addressing media before making their way out onto the course. There are several opportunities to interact with them, including target shooting against the NHL stars, or

paying a donation to have one of them drive your ball for you.

The golf tournament is scheduled for June 15. While tickets are sold out, sponsorships are still available and donations are being accepted. Organizers are also in need of more volunteers. To donate or volunteer, contact Gail Kivela, director of golf, at 705-457-5087 ext 4268.

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Owen Mackeigan (left) and Jake Graham won big at Karate tournament.

Minden pair wins three medals in Karate

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

Two local athletes have brought home some hardware.

On May 25 at Master Shintani National Memorial Karate Tournament at Brock University, Minden residents Owen Mackeigan, 15, and Jake Graham, 13, brought home three medals: a gold for Mackeigan and a silver and bronze for Graham.

The pair competed against over 200 competitors in various karate disciplines. Graham has been involved with karate

for four years and intends to pursue the sport.

"I intend on going far with karate and eventually teaching my own classes when I get older," he said. "I currently have a green belt which indicates my karate experience. I find karate quite unique compared to other sports my friends are doing and I really enjoy the sport. I find karate entertaining and it feels good just to practice and get the moves down pat."

"I felt very accomplished and had many friends there helping to give me pointers, and it was very nice to get a silver medal in sparring and a bronze in

kata. My parents felt very proud of my accomplishments."

Mackeigan enjoyed the tournament experience.

"It was great to see everybody there and doing the same things we like to do," he commented. "With our club in Minden being so small, it's great to go to a big tournament like that in St. Catherines with a couple of hundred people attending and share the same sport you do. To go out and compete for your club and the community was wonderful, especially to bring back three medals to Minden."

Wilberforce legion horseshoes

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

Fun was the name and horseshoes was the game.

The day might have been dull but the reverie was colourful at the Wilberforce Legion Branch 624 on June 8.

Dozens of horseshoe enthusiasts participated in the Rick Rowe Memorial Horseshoe Tournament, showing their ability to accurately make a ringer. The proceeds of the event went to help the Legion in their constant effort to support worthy causes.

Committee member Brian Eves commented on the success of the tournament.

"What the tournament does is raise money for the Legion and we hope to raise about \$100 for the food," he said. "I'm very happy with the turnout and I think it has been worthwhile. The tournament has been an



Photo by Warren Riley

A horseshoe contestant concentrates on his toss.
annual event for about five or six years now. Rick Rowe was the one involved in it at the start and passed away so we decided to name the tournament after him."



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Highlander sports



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Nick Emsley #3204 takes the lead in the Plastiglas O Cup mountain bike race.

Haliburton's Emsley dominates on home track

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

Haliburton mountain biker Nick Emsley dominated his class again this weekend, this time on his home track.

One of the most prolific and experienced mountain bikers in his class, Emsley showed his superior capabilities and stamina by out-pacing 29 riders in the 'Minime' Ontario Cup #3 class race placing first on June 8. His time was 50 seconds ahead of second place winner Noah Simms of Barrie.

Clear skies greeted 480 mountain bike riders

from across Ontario as they weaved their way through the year's most challenging course at Sir Sam's on Eagle Lake. The combination of technical single-tracks and hard climbs challenged the most accomplished riders.

"I feel good about finishing first," said Emsley. "I'm happy with my performance and I don't think I could have done much better. I gave my full effort and it came out all good."

With timing an important factor for Emsley, his proximity to Sir Sam's allows him to practice three times a week on the race course.

"Well, you always put more effort into a race. I went faster and when you race it makes you push it a little harder. The more kids around you also make you want to go faster."

To compete successfully in endurance races, one's physical aspect comes into play.

"Most of my strength is in my legs and I do have strong legs," he continued. "I do a lot of work-outs and things like that to increase my leg strength. I do a lot of training like long distance riding to make it easier for my shorter distance racing. I also do a bit of cardio, which I know also helps me."

The Ontario Cup Association races are an important conduit for racers providing them the opportunities for personal excellence by developing, delivering and promoting quality programs for existing and future members in the world of cycling.

Winning and receiving recognition for Emsley is what it's all about.

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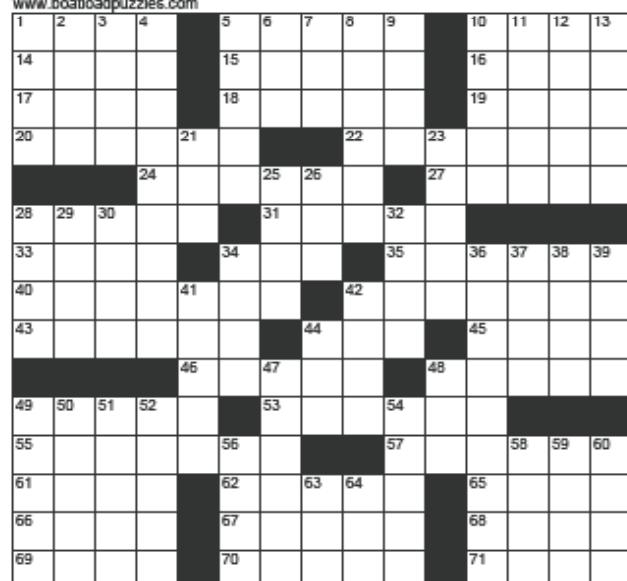
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1. Talented
5. Neckerchief
10. Beyond
14. ___ Sea Scrolls
15. More colorless
16. Medicinal herb
17. ___ Moore of "A Few Good Men"
18. Rocker ___ Cooper
19. Raggedy Ann, e.g.
20. Radio noise
22. Perpetual
24. Shaquille and Ryan
27. Malicious looks
28. Decorate
31. Green sauce
33. Mumbai attire
34. ___ Ryan of "You've Got Mail"
35. Unwrapped
40. Mrs. Roosevelt
42. Unpleasant sight
43. Theater walkways
44. ___ Vegas
45. Shore bird
46. Pigs' homes
48. Coward
49. Purple ___
53. "Scrubs," e.g.
55. Signs up
57. Modifies
61. Enthusiastic
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65. Work
66. Wander
67. Kind
68. Fashion magazine
69. Color changer
70. Fall bloom
71. Feat

DOWN

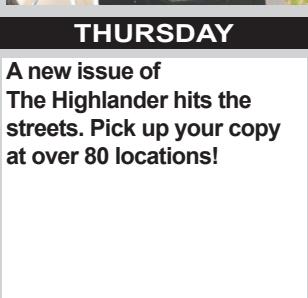
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4. Opinion piece
5. Area
6. Coolidge's nickname
7. Rhyming boxer
8. School playtime
9. Worry
10. San Diego athlete
11. Solo
12. ___ eclipse
13. Narrates
21. Tavern
23. Marry secretly
25. Impersonator
26. Drumstick
28. On a cruise
29. Surrealist painter Salvado
30. Unrefined metals
32. Christmas gifts
34. Majority
36. Guessed roughly
37. Negatives
38. Miscalculates
39. Contradict
41. Homes for birds
42. Orient
44. Hawaiian necklace
47. Debate topics
48. Lawn material
49. Listened to
50. Ambassador
51. Breathing
52. Bus patron
54. Concerned one
56. Roman garment
58. Warsaw native
59. Floor covering
60. Arctic transport
63. Explosive inits.
64. Byron's "before"

Last week's puzzle solutions

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The airplane
Buddy Holly
died in was the
"American Pie."
(Thus the name of
the Don McLean
song.)

JUNE 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR			
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Hand of the Maker exhibit, Tool Work – The Art Hive. Call 705-754-0021 for more details.	Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941	Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library giant book and book basket sale – Head Lake Park, 8-2 p.m.	
Haliburton Shout Sister Choir – Haliburton United Church. Doors at 6:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m.		Minden Ladies' Auxiliary Branch's trunk sale – Minden Legion. Contact Shirley Howe to reserve a spot, 705-286-6797.	
13	14	15	16
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	Contract Bridge (every Tuesday) – Minden United Church, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact 705-286-1305.	Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group meeting – Lions Hall, doors at 6 p.m. Speaker is Russ Wunker talking about the War of 1812. Everyone welcome, no charge. Call 705-286-2225.	A new issue of The Highlander hits the streets. Pick up your copy at over 80 locations!
17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24

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By Mark Arike

Musical duo debuts new material

Amelia and The Mayor, also known as Amelia Edmunds (left) and Albert Saxby, had their first CD release party at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton last October. On June 8, the local musical duo returned to that familiar, intimate setting to perform songs off their first album, "Amelia", as well as give listeners a taste of their new material. Edmunds and Saxby are currently working on their second album. Its release date is yet to be determined.

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Photo by Mark Arike
People of all ages play a fun fitness game at the Minden Hills community centre.

Residents embrace movement for Minden

Fitness fundraiser generates over \$1,000 for flood relief

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

I could feel the sweat pouring down my face as I was wildly shaking each and every part of my body to LMFAO's pop hit "I'm Sexy and I Know It".

Although I was one of only three men in the room – among a group of at least 30 women – I had nothing to hide. In fact, I did it with a big grin on my face.

That's because I knew my participation in this Saturday morning Zumba class with local instructor Meghan Reid would be helping Minden residents affected by the recent flooding disaster.

The event, appropriately named "Move 4 Minden", was held at the Minden community centre on June 8 and featured Zumba with

Reid, an athletic workout with Lorie Kah and a stretch routine with Gail Holness.

"Lorie and I decided we wanted to do a fundraiser because a lot of our clients had been affected," said Reid, who has been working with Kah at her Minden studio, Physical Journeys Fitness, for several years now. "We felt like we needed to be part of that somehow."

Reid said both she and Kah had to cancel some of their classes when the township declared a state of emergency. And although she wasn't directly affected by the flood, her sister-in-law, who lives on Anson Street, was.

Saturday's event raised over \$1,000, which will go to the Minden flood relief trust fund. All funds in the fund may be matched up to two to one through the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP).

When asked if she'll be part of any future flood relief fundraisers, Reid said it's highly likely she will be.

"I'm sure we will, because it's for a good cause and we want to get people to move," she smiled. "That's what we're passionate about."



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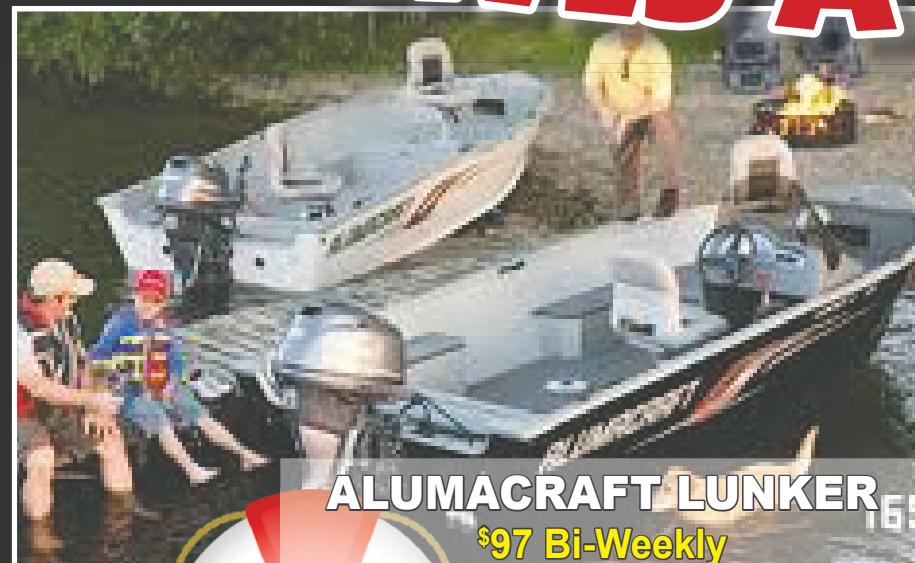
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